

## MEXICAN BANDITS SLAIN.

Suspected of Complicity in Train Wreck and Robbery of Monday Night.

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 22.—A detachment of the Sixth cavalry late today fired on and killed two supposed Mexican bandits who were crossing the Rio Grande 12 miles up the river from here. Both Mexicans were armed but the bodies were not recovered.

Two Mexicans are held by the sheriff's department here under suspicion of being implicated in the train wreck of Monday night when several Americans were shot by Mexican bandits.

A. A. Brown, mayor of Brownsville, today called a meeting of representatives from towns in this section to be held Saturday to consider the border problem. Mayor Brown tonight said no reprisals are contemplated by the proponents of the meeting.

## RECEPTION AT MANSION.

Governor and Mrs. Manning Invite People of State.

Columbia, Oct. 22.—Governor and Mrs. Richard I. Manning will tender a reception to the people of South Carolina on next Tuesday night, from 9 until 11 o'clock. They extend a cordial invitation to every white citizen of the State to come to the Mansion that night between the hours named and meet and mingle with the people from other parts of the State. The only invitations issued are through the newspapers, as it would be manifestly impossible to mail out formal invitations to every white man, woman and child in South Carolina, for all of them are invited and all are urged to attend the reception.

It is believed that this public reception at the people's house will be attended by thousands from all parts of the State who will be attending the State Fair and Harvest Jubilee. The whole thing will be informal and Governor and Mrs. Manning want to see all the people.

Thoroughly democratic in their tastes, the Governor and his wife make ideal hosts and everyone who attends the reception will feel thoroughly at home. It is believed that this public reception at the governor's mansion will be a pleasing innovation for Fair Week visitors and they will show their approval by attending.

## GROW MUCH LONG STAPLE COTTON.

Men of Lee and Darlington Counties Tell of Fine Price Secured for Crop. Columbia, Oct. 21.—L. M. Lawson, ex-State senator from Darlington county, was in the city today and was very enthusiastic over commercial conditions in his section. "With cotton bringing 20c per pound, what is there for us to worry about," he said. Darlington is indeed fortunate in being one of the leading counties in the State in the production and marketing of tobacco during the course of the summer, and then the long staple cotton season comes in. "What percentage of your cotton brings 20 cents?" Mr. Lawson was asked. "Really, very little of it fetches that figure," he answered, "but about 75 per cent. of the cotton of Darlington is long staple and nearly all of that brings over 19 cents and much of it over 19 1-2."

Thos. G. McLeod, former lieutenant governor, and now a leading attorney of Lee county, came over from Bishopville today on business. Governor McLeod says that he has quite a lot of long staple cotton and that it is a source of great gratification to him. He has been getting a high price for some of it. The cotton and seed brings as high as \$115 per acre. He declares, however, that all land is not suited to this kind of cotton growing, and that the land that produces the best short staple is not always suited to the production of the best long staple.

## FLEE FROM SUPERTAX.

Gold Companies Move Offices From England.

London, Oct. 22.—The new budget, which provides for a supertax of 50 per cent. on the profits of all British companies, already has caused the removal to the United States of the headquarters of several companies representing South and Central American gold mines. Mining men here assert that unless the tax is reduced, this movement will become so great, that New York, instead of London, will become the mining capital of the world.

The tendency to remove headquarters to the United States is becoming so pronounced that mining interests here are bringing pressure to bear on the chancellor of the exchequer to have the supertax modified in favor of gold mines.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Providence Anthony and Sarah Smith, Shiloh; and to Ed Allston, Claremont, and Laurine Singleton, Dalzell.

## STREET PAVING MATERIAL.

Citizens Who Pay the Bills Should Take an Interest in the Matter and Not Let Outsiders Name the Material.

Editor The Daily Item:

I note that the citizens of Sumter are being circularized in the interest of brick paving by those who wish to create a local sentiment in behalf of brick and that you recently published an article in which the secretary of the brick association endeavored to make it appear that the present activity in connection with paving, was brought about by results obtained from the brick streets already in Sumter.

Of course the brick streets have nothing to do with the present demand for good streets all over this town. If the said streets had been paved with any other material, the demand for more paved streets would have been just as great. In other words the brick had nothing to do with the case, and the brick people are trying to sell brick streets on the strength of a demand for better streets.

I am collecting data from cities having all kinds of pavements, and have just received a letter from Mr. J. E. Jones, a prominent citizen of Xenia, O., who writes as follows:

"We have in our city about \$165,000.00 worth of brick paving, and about \$55,000 worth of asphalt, and have more under construction, about \$76,000 worth of asphalt, in all about \$131,000 of asphalt. I consider brick better for durability than asphalt, but asphalt more desirable for residence streets than brick. The main thing in either kind of paving is to have it properly constructed, and money spent for honest supervision is the least expense you will get the best returns on. After a long and thorough discussion and investigation of the best and most desirable material for paving a residence street, of the residents of the three streets now being paved, about 75 per cent. were in favor of asphalt, as indicated by petitions circulated, if you wish for a set of our specifications I will send them if I can get one."

I have other and similar opinions from other towns that have gone through this same experience. The whole proposition is easily settled by getting the experience of others, and considering those who want a little comfort in their homes, as well as those who desire to save a few pennies in annual repairs.

A gentleman, resident here, has suggested to me a plan most excellent for cutting down the expense of any kind of paving, and that is on most wide streets, such as Church, the street could be "parked," that is a strip left unpaved down the middle of the street, which could be planted with trees, or made into grass plots. This would reduce the total amount of paving by 25 per cent to 35 per cent.

There may be some technical objection to this kind of paving, which I have not looked into, but the suggestion is certainly worthy of consideration.

Is it true there is no interest displayed in the kind of streets put down in Sumter? and that the general public who must pay the bill, seem to be indifferent and leave the matter to outsiders, who discuss it and attempt to work up a sentiment, which may be hard to down, when the contracts are ready to let?

Often when citizens of a municipality do not get good water works, fire department, police, paving or anything else controlled by the civic government, it is because they do not take the trouble to go into the matter as thoroughly as they would a private business proposition.

Anyone who wanted to build a sidewalk, for which he had to pay all the bill, would be intensely interested in getting the best possible job, at the least cost, and would endeavor to get all the details, but when the city gets ready to spend a couple of hundred thousand dollars, the matter being everybody's business, very little practical thought is given the matter, by the taxpayers, who must pay the bills.

Yours very truly,  
H. R. VanDeventer.

Sumter, Oct. 20.

## U. D. C. Convention.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Dallas and Asheville are leading in the fight for next year's Daughters of the Confederacy convention. Asheville will probably win. The Daughters pledged themselves to work for the Jefferson Davis highway, the proposed boulevard through the Southern States from the Atlantic Coast to San Diego.

There will be an organ recital by Prof. de Launay at the Church of the Holy Comforter sometime in November. The date will be announced later. There will be a small entrance fee out of all proportion to the rare treat in store for those fortunate enough to hear this finished musician who, as is well known, is the gifted organist of Trinity Church, Columbia.

## BRITAIN TO PAY FOR COTTON.

Board of Trade Arranges to Make Final Settlement for Staple Bought.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The British Board of Trade has arranged to make final settlements for all American cotton which it has bought and which is not covered by sales contracts. The price to be paid will be the market value at the port of shipment on the date of shipment, and contracts of the same date will be used as a guide in arriving at the price to be paid.

The action is one of the consequences of the British order placing cotton on the contraband list and the determination of the British authorities to support the market against the effects of that action.

## A NEW ORDER IN COUNCIL.

England Prohibits Export of Cotton Products.

London, Oct. 19.—A new order in council has been gazetted prohibiting from today the export of any cotton product whatever, with the exception of cotton lace and cotton waste, except to allied countries in Europe and Spain and Portugal.

## MCUTCHEEN IS NAMED.

To be Appointed Postmaster at Bishopville.

Bishopville, Oct. 21.—M. B. McCutchen received a telegram from Congressman A. F. Lever this morning stating that he had concluded to recommend him for postmaster at this place, vice J. Ed. Stuckey, who is not an applicant for reappointment. There were several applicants for the appointment and Congressman Lever spent Monday and Tuesday here this week getting the general view of the patrons of the office before making his recommendation. Mr. McCutchen is one of the town's best citizens. He is magistrate at this place and his appointment will no doubt give general satisfaction.

## ALL SUSPECTS RELEASED.

No Warrants Have Been Issued in Charleston Riot Case.

Charleston, Oct. 22.—Henry Brown, E. R. McDonald and four others who were arrested following the Cohen shooting were released today by order of Circuit Judge Smith, because no warrant had been issued against them. All troops have been dismissed except one company.

## WILL PAY FOR COTTON.

Great Britain Makes Substantial Concession to Cotton Owners.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Great Britain will pay the market price for all cotton seized, according to a cablegram from Consul-General Skinner, at London. This is the first substantial concession Great Britain has made to cotton owners. It is believed it will be followed by the announcement of further concessions to American shippers and importers.

## KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION.

Fatal Accident to Young People Near Selma, Alabama.

Selma, Ala., Oct. 22.—Katherine Cameron, the seventeen year old daughter of the superintendent of the Southern Railway, and Bryan Warren, aged eighteen, of Montgomery, were killed, and three others seriously wounded when their automobile collided with another machine near here last night.

## U. D. C. Election.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—The Daughters of the Confederacy elected Mrs. Cordelia Odenheimer, of Maryland, president general by acclamation late Thursday afternoon; first vice president, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of Los Angeles; second vice president, Mrs. L. M. Bashinsky, of Alabama.

## In the Police Court.

Edward Poole, disorderly conduct, postponed.

William Franklin, violation of automobile ordinance by exceeding the speed limit, bond of \$10 forfeited.

Hattie Nelson, petit larceny, \$10 bond forfeited.

## Wilson's Wedding Day.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The Thanksgiving holidays will see the wedding of Mrs. Galt and President Wilson, according to close friends. No official announcement has been made but the fact that the president has made no engagements after November 12th and that his relatives are making arrangements to be here the last half of November is significant.

Those who feel so satisfied with present conditions in the cotton market and look toward the future with optimism should pause to consider what would have been the situation now if weather conditions in Texas, Oklahoma and adjacent States had not prevented the production of a normal crop on the acreage planted.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CAN RAISE MULES

Unnecessary for State to Send Away Large Sums for This Product Annually.

## BIG DRAIN ON RESOURCES

Money Now Spent For Mules Would Purchase Good Draft Mares From Which to Obtain Mules—Points on Care of Mare and Colt—Home Raised Mules as Good as Any.

The tremendous outlay for mule power on the farm can be eliminated to a large extent in South Carolina. Already a considerable number of farmers in the state are raising their mules at home and if this policy is adopted by all the state's farmers, the large annual drain on the state's resources for this product will be stopped.

Invested in brood mares, the amount usually spent for mules would purchase large, well-bred draft mares of the right type for producing mules. The cost of raising mule colts on the farm to an age at which they can be put to work is about \$90 each, when every item in the process is charged against him. This amount sounds large, but the fact is that most of it is charged against things that are not missed on the average farm, since the colt can be developed largely on pastures and products of the farm that would probably not be marketed in any other way.

Mares selected for mule raising should be of draft type, with quality, and should weigh about 1,400 pounds, though smaller mares are used with good results for producing mules of light weight. If mares are bred to foal in fall, when work on the farm is usually lighter and fall pastures are good, they need lose very little time during the year from their work in the field. Light work is beneficial to a brood mare even up to the time of foaling, and the resultant colt is stronger and more thrifty because of it, provided the mare has been properly nourished with succulent feed for a few weeks before foaling.

The average period of gestation, or time between service and foaling, is about 340 days or 11 months, although this varies somewhat in both directions. With this information, a farmer can have his mare foal at about the proper time.

The pregnant mare's grain ration should be proportioned to the amount of work she does. About three weeks before foaling, wheat bran should be added to her feed, the proportion of this being gradually increased and other grain proportions decreased as foaling time approaches. Her food should be altogether free of moldy grain or woody fodder or straw.

An essential point is to give the mare in foal a large, roomy box stall. After foaling, mares should rest for about two weeks before being put back at work.

Give the mare and her colt as much pasture as possible, with the addition of bran and grain while the colt is young. Care and attention are essential to mature the colt to proper size and grain should be given to it regularly with its pasture or clean hay.

Do not let a colt follow its mother on the road or in the field. Do not let a colt suck while the mare is overheated. Always let the mare cool off first.

That mules can be raised profitably in South Carolina has been demonstrated by several farmers in the state, who save the expenditure usually made for mule power and claim for the home-raised mule many advantages over its imported competitor. Write to Sidney S. Rittenberg, Clemson College, for an itemized statement of a comparison of mare and mule.

JOHN O. WILLIAMS,  
Livestock Demonstration Agent,  
Clemson Agricultural College.

## LETTERS TO CLEMSON.

In seeking information or help from Clemson College, farmers should address the expert or officer in whose line the point in question is, whenever possible. This will avoid delays which are sometimes costly. This is especially true of such matters as insect pests, plant diseases and animal diseases, which can spread so rapidly. In outbreaks of hog cholera, farmers should either communicate immediately with the county demonstration agent or with the veterinary division of Clemson College. Merely addressing the college will get a letter to its goal eventually, but sometimes delays which are dangerous come about. It is a good plan for a farmer to keep one of the experiment station bulletins always at hand, as in the front of each of these bulletins will be found the experiment station staff, which will serve as a directory to any one wishing to write to the college for information.

The summer of 1915 was the most successful for silo-building that South Carolina has ever had. There is much yet to be done in this line, however, and it is to be hoped that this year's record will be far exceeded next year.

## A BOUQUET FOR THE ITEM.

W. D. Woods Congratulates the Item on its Twenty-first Anniversary.

The writer trusts that it is not too late to extend his warmest congratulations to The Item on the completion of the 21st year of its existence, and to wish for it a great many more years of usefulness and honor; for the writer verily believes that it has not only reflected credit upon its editor but also on the people of Sumter who have given it their support and sympathy. A newspaper in the hands of an intelligent and conscientious editor is, with the exception of the pulpit, the greatest power for good, in the community, and not only this but is the terror of evildoers and its influence in keeping this element in check cannot well be overestimated. Just about the time that the Item was launched into existence the writer was conducting a paper of his own, and has some knowledge of its ups and downs, principally the latter, and is sure that if the people of Sumter could realize what a struggle it was for the Item during the early years of its existence they would give it a much more cordial support than it is probably receiving at the present time.

During the writer's career as an editor the Watchman and Southron, then edited by the present editor of the Item, was one of the first exchanges that received attention and its finely written editorials read with the pleasure that one only feels when he is sure that they reflect the real opinions of the editor.

W. D. Woods.

Darlington.

## A Credit to Sumter.

Camden Chronicle.

The Sumter Daily Item celebrated its twenty-first birthday Monday by issuing a 30-page anniversary edition. The big paper is full of illustrations of Sumter business houses and industries, and history dealing with Sumter and Sumter county. It is one of the best editions ever gotten out by a Carolina paper and is a credit to Sumter. Occupying a prominent place in this edition is Zemp's Pharmacy, managed by Dr. Marion Zemp, formerly of Camden.

## An Interesting Review.

Lancaster News.

The Sumter Daily Item celebrates its majority this week by issuing a splendid Anniversary Edition, in which it sets forth by descriptive articles and numerous cuts, the advantages of the "Game Cock City." Sumter is generally recognized as one of the most progressive cities in South Carolina and The Daily Item has been a large contributing factor in its development.

## Helped Sumter's Progress.

Journal and Spartan.

The Sumter Item issued its 21st anniversary edition yesterday and it was quite creditable in every respect. The Item has had a hard struggle but has won out. Its anniversary edition contained a most interesting review of its struggle for existence in its early years.

## A Splendid Booster Edition.

York News.

The Sumter Daily Item last week celebrated its 21st birthday by issuing a splendid "booster" edition. The edition gave much valuable information about Sumter and reflected the progress of the town and county. We hope that The Item may live to see thrice twenty-one birthdays and then double that.

## A Newspaper of Character.

Columbia State.

The Sumter Item celebrated its 21st birthday a few days ago by issuing a special edition of more than ordinary merit, and we are reminded that The Item began publication in days when Sumter was, by comparison with its present commercial importance, a struggling village. The price of cotton in 1894 was not such as to inspire an attempt to publish a daily newspaper in a town of three or four times the size of Sumter. The Item has survived because it has had brains, courage and character behind it, and it has been a potent, indeed, we may say an indispensable factor in the steady growth of one of the most liberal and enterprising cities of South Carolina. Hubert Osteen has deserved the success that he has won, and Sumter will practice the wiser kind of self help by continuing and enlarging its support of The Item.

## Illustrations Truly Interesting.

Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

The Sumter Item issued on October 11 a mammoth edition giving a splendid write up of Sumter's marvelous growth in the last twenty years. Its illustrations showing the old and new Sumter are truly interesting from both business and sentimental standpoints. The older citizens at once will recognize the contrast and the value of this handy work and the splendid advertisement of Sumter. We congratulate the publishers upon the success of the laborious and final

achievement of such a reliable and satisfactory edition that shows up Sumter and Sumter county's material progress from every standpoint.

## FLORENCE PRESENTMENT.

Grand Jury Makes Severe Criticism of County Officials.

Florence, Oct. 21.—The presentment of the grand jury containing the report of the expert accountant who examined the county offices has been given the public. This report shows that Florence has suffered very much through the laxity of the county officials in practically every office.

The special committee considering the condition in the court house says in one paragraph: "In a general way we would like to state that, using the expression of the comptroller general of the State, 'the financial conditions in Florence county as handled by the officers, are the worst in the State.' We do not believe that these conditions come from any dishonest purpose on the part of the officers, or from ignorance, but from negligence, or maybe incompetence." The sheriff and treasurer are criticised sharply for the conditions of the executions, there being at the time of the report nearly sixty-five thousand dollars worth of executions in the sheriff's hands, and only nine per cent. of the executions of this county being collected. The treasurer is criticised for carrying as cash unpaid checks which had attained venerable age. He covered all of these items from his personal resources, he is criticised for lack of attention to his office, the clerk of court is criticised for laxity in his records which do not show fines and change collected. The auditor is severely criticised for incompetence in his book-keeping. The supervisor is criticised for not having an inventory of the county's property, but his books are well kept in regard to money expended. Mr. Muldrow, clerk of court, replies saying that the book-keeping in his office is an inheritance, and that the items desired by the committee could have been shown if the investigators had asked him for explanations. Mr. Darr pleads his own continued sickness as his excuse for failure to keep up his office records. The entire court house is very much stirred up, as are the people generally, who have always contended that Florence had the best county officers in the State. The sheriff and treasurer are already hot after the delinquents and they are going to clean up things this fall with special deputies. Already a large amount of delinquent taxes have been collected.

## SWEDES GROW ANGRY.

Indignant at German Attack on Their Submarine.

Stockholm, Oct. 22 (via London).—Swedish newspapers express indignation at the attack by a German armed trawler on the Swedish submarine Hvalen off Ystad yesterday. The newspapers state that the weather was clear and that the vessel's flag was easily distinguishable.

Additional details were received today. These reports state that the German trawler fired several shots and then hoisted a signal of inquiry as to the identity of the submarine. On learning of their error, the Germans sent officers to make an apology and give assurance that compensation would be made.

## REV. T. L. COLE RESIGNS.

People of Pisgah Regret Exceedingly That he is to Leave Them.

Rev. T. L. Cole resigns as pastor here and will take up his work in the near future in the upper part of this State.

The resignation of Rev. T. L. Cole was handed in at Pisgah church on Sunday morning, October 10th, which came as a very unpleasant incident to his many friends in this section. He has been pastor of this church for about ten years, during which time he has lived in our midst the greater portion of, and has gained the friendship of the community.

He has given as much of his time as possible to the cause of saving souls, thus setting an example which no one would regret following.

We regret that the time for his departure is near, but we feel that it is best else he would have never considered leaving. However, we fear we will long for his return.

He has our very best wishes for success in the work which he will soon take up, and though he will soon be absent from us, we feel that his prayers will remain with us.

The November Review of Reviews will contain an article, written by Mr. Leon M. Green, on the military feature of the Sumter schools and the results of military training of school boys. The fact that a magazine of the standing and wide circulation of the Review of Reviews prints a special article concerning a distinctive feature of our school system is a compliment to the schools and the most valuable advertisement that this town could obtain.